GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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PRUCHASE OF SUB -STANDARD MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is corruption and mess in supply of medicines in Safdarjung Hospital, AIIMS, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether hospitals are allegedly purchasing the sub-standard medicines from the small suppliers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. Medicines are procured by Safdarjung Hospital after following the prescribed procedure and the suppliers are required to get the medicines tested from a Government approved laboratory at the time of supply of the consignment. The medicines so procured are inspected by an inspection committee.

In AIIMS the medicines are procured directly from manufacturing firms and no instances of purchase of sub-standard medicines have come to notice. The supplies received by AIIMS are also inspected by a committee before utilization.